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Indiana State Representative, District 6



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Dear Friends:

After months of debate, lawmakers have approved a historic plan that will cut property taxes, preserve education funding and other vital state services, and help create and attract new jobs.

In the final days of the special session of the 2002 Legislature called by Governor O'Bannon, members of the House and Senate passed a bipartisan program that will provide answers to several serious questions facing Indiana.

This plan, contained in House Bill 1001, will provide funding to help support critical state programs and services. It will also restructure our state's tax code to provide additional economic incentives to help create more jobs for the Hoosier state.

Another crucial part of HB 1001 is the relief it will provide for home, farm and business owners from the court-ordered property reassessment. For homeowners, most of this relief will come through shifting 60 percent of school operating costs to the state, implementing a standard deduction on all homes of \$35,000, and increasing the homestead credit to 20 percent. These changes will help reduce residential property tax rates by double digits.

This plan calls for an increase in the earned income tax credit to help working families on lower incomes and offers renters a break through an

increase in the deduction they can take on their state income tax returns.

In addition, HB 1001 makes significant strides in changing Indiana's tax code to encourage economic development. We will be eliminating the state's corporate gross income tax on January 1, 2003, and the inventory tax by 2007.

These changes will play a major role in getting Indiana businesses to expand and convincing out-of-state companies to locate here, key factors in creating new jobs for Hoosier men and women.

While I am pleased with many of its provisions, HB 1001 does not contain all the reforms I would have liked. I want to see more done to protect families and homeowners and shore up more reserves in case the economy is slow to rebound. We must continue to work on long-term solutions that can keep our state moving forward.

Please contact me with any questions about state government.

Sincerely,

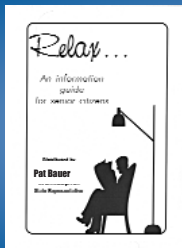


Rep. Bauer addresses the House of Representatives.

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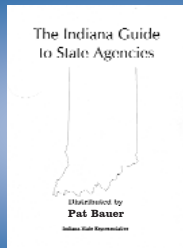
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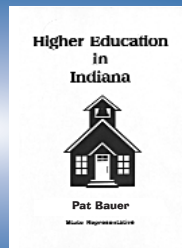
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Written for senior citizens, this informational booklet discusses a variety of issues, from taxes to health problems to leisure activities.



Guide to State Agencies

This booklet details various agencies within Indiana state government, listing phone numbers, functions and areas of responsibility for each.



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A 24-page publication for those interested in pursuing a higher education degree, detailing many Indiana colleges and universities as well as occupational and vocational schools.



Hoosier Fun and Facts

Designed for elementary school-aged children, this information and activity booklet teaches students about their state through a combination of text, puzzles and other educational activities.

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Indiana House	800-382-9842
Indiana Senate	800-382-9467
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